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Note verbale dated 18 July 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations has the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 12 July 2013 from H.E. Hoshyar Zebari, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations regarding the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated to the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Security Council.

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[Original: Arabic]

I have the honour to convey to you the wish of the Government of Iraq that the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) should be extended for a further period of 12 months, in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions.

The Iraqi and Kuwaiti Governments have succeeded in settling all outstanding issues between the Republic of Iraq and the State of Kuwait, including, in particular, the questions of missing Kuwaiti and third-country nationals or their remains and the archives of the Kuwaiti Government. The have also successfully arrived at an appropriate legal arrangement under Chapter VI of the Charter of the United Nations to continue the search for those persons or their remains. Thanks to the efforts of officials from both countries and the efforts of the United Nations, the Security Council was able to adopt resolution 2107 (2013).

The Mission has played a positive and active role in reconciling the perspectives of the various Iraqi political entities and contributed to the success of local government elections, which took place peacefully and without any incidents.

In order to ensure the transparency of the parliamentary elections that are to take place in the first half of 2014, the Government of Iraq hopes to be able to help UNAMI make the logistical arrangements needed to ensure that a sufficient number of observers are available.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Iraq would like the Mission's mandate to be extended for another year, in accordance with the letter and spirit of the conditions set out in Security Council resolution 1770 (2007). The Government of Iraq would also like to the Mission to continue to provide assistance and advice, with the prior approval of the Government and in the manner referred to in my letter of 6 August 2007.

(*Signed*) Hoshyar **Zebari**
Minister for Foreign Affairs